

## **The Political Economy of Pension Reform**

May 3–5, 2001 at Hanse–Wissenschaftskolleg Delmenhorst (Germany)

### **Thursday, May 3**

9:00 Overview of themes and purposes of the conference and a short outline of major challenges (demographic, economic, political) and the repertoire of available responses.  
Speakers: Martin Rein and Winfried Schmähl (Conference co–ordinators)

### **9:30-12:00**

#### **Opting out of Public Pensions**

The British Experience

Speaker: David Blake, Birkbeck College University of London

The Japanese Experience

Speaker: Yukiko M. Katsumato National Institute of Population and Social Security

Open discussion

Lunch 12:00-2:00

### **2:00 – 5:00 PM**

#### **Overview, new political developments in Comparative Perspective**

Designing and Implementing Defined Contribution Tiers in Public Pension Systems.

Speaker: Kent Weaver (Brookings Institute)

#### **Political and Economic Responses to Challenges**

The perspective of international organisations on new developments in pension reform

A view from the World Bank

Speaker: Estelle James (World Bank)

A view from the ILO

Speaker: Elaine Fultz (ILO, Budapest) (to be confirmed)

Open discussion

## **Friday May 4**

9:00 –12:30AM

### **Importing and implementing ideas about pension reform**

The Hungarian experience

Speaker: Julia Szalai (Academy of Science, Budapest)

Comment: Ivan Gal (Tarki, Hungary)

The Polish experience

Speaker: Agnieszka Chlon (Gdansk Institute for Market Economics, Poland) Agnieszka Chlon

Comment: Maciej Zukowski (Poznan, Poland)

Will Eastern Europe follow Latin America?

Speaker: Katharina Müller (Europa-Universität Viadrina, Frankfurt/Oder)

Lunch 12:30-2:00

**2:00 –6:00PM**

### **Pathways to Employer Provided Occupational Pensions and their Impact on the Public Pillar**

An overview of 4 pathways to promote Occupational and Personal Pensions

Speaker: Martin Rein and John Turner

#### **Mandating Pensions**

The Australian Experience

Speaker: Peter Whiteford (OECD and the Treasury in Australia)

The Swiss Experience

Speaker: Giuliano Bonoli, University of Fribourg

The Dutch Experience

Speaker: Lenny van der Heiden, Ministry of Social Welfare and Employment

**Saturday May 5,**

9:00 AM – 12:00

**Contractual Pensions**

The Nordic Experience

Speaker: Michael Orszag, Birkbeck College, London

The Swedish Experience

The Swedish Pension Reform: Notional defined contribution schemes and their impact on Employer Provided Occupational Pensions.

Speaker: Edward Palmer

Speaker: Eskil Wadensjö

Lunch 12-1:30 PM

**1:30 – 5:00 PM**

**Pension Policy in transition**

Recent political decisions and possible consequences in the near and far future

The German Experience

Speaker: Winfried Schmähl, Bremen University

The American Experience

An Exploration of Possible Links Between Pension Policy and Other Programs for the Aged.

Speaker: Barry Friedman, Brandeis University,

3:30- 5:00

**The Public-Private Mix: A comparative Perspective in the OECD countries**

Speaker : Bernard Casey (to be confirmed) or Adema reporting on a new 9 country OECD study (tentative)

**Income Packing at the Last Stage of the Working Career**

Speaker: Martin Rein and Heinz Stapf

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